



Situation Report

File Number
2022-67945

(2022-019) SITREP to AG (UPDATE) - Planned Protest/Demonstration - Amherst, NS to NS/NB Border

PURPOSE:

- To update the Attorney General on a protest/demonstration (COVID related) in Amherst, N.S.

BACKGROUND:

- On January 18, 2022, Cumberland District RCMP became aware of a demonstration scheduled to take place between the New Brunswick (NB) and Nova Scotia (NS) border in Amherst, Nova Scotia.
- Protest organizers called for individuals to meet at the Amherst Mall, travel Westbound on Highway 104 until reaching the NS/NB land border where the convoy will park in protest.
- An Operational Plan was created and included Command Post staff, J DIV Coordination, Divisional Liaison Team (DLT) engagement, Special Tactical Operations (STO) resources, DCAS, liaison with the Amherst Police and points of contact with applicable Nova Scotia agencies i.e. Transportation and Infrastructure, Department of Justice (DOJ), Health, Strategic Communications.

CURRENT STATUS:

- At the event's peak, approximately 100 vehicles circled between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.
- Some individuals stopped briefly at the border and exited their vehicles. However, these individuals complied with police direction to remove themselves from the highway.
- Deteriorating weather and darkness led to further police engagement with the groups, where safety risks were communicated. Participating vehicles began to dissipate shortly thereafter.
- Police resources were removed just after 6:00pm.
- The next event is scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 1:00pm and will start at the Irving Big Stop in Aulac, NB.
- Planning continues to take place by police and applicable external partners.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- The Officer in Charge of Northeast Nova District is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of Criminal Operations is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of "J" Division Criminal Operations is aware.
- DLT is engaged proactively and will be present during the event.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- "H" Division Strategic Communications is engaged and is liaising with applicable external partners.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil.

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Signatures

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